

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Mabel Driving Hawk, and we are richer because Mabel lives among us; and,

Whereas, Mabel was born March 14, 1914, to Thomas Black Tomahawk and Nellie Small Wasted Bear, in a tent on the Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Mabel married Alex LaRoche, and to that union a son, Erwin, was born. Mabel later married Ben Driving Hawk and was blessed with 4 more children: Judy, Marjorie, Leonard, and Connie. Her life has been further enriched with 46 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Mabel was employed by the Lower Brule Elementary School as a cook for 21 years until her retirement; and,

Whereas, Mabel resides in the Lower Brule Community, and will observe her 96th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 14, 2010, as

MABEL DRIVING HAWK DAY


in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

